

EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**U.S. Embassy Lilongwe  
Jomo Kenyatta Road  
Area 40, Plot # 24 Malawi**

Dear Prospective Offeror

Subject: Request for Quotations **19M16022Q0008**

Enclosed is a Request for Quotations (RFQ) for Internet Services at CDC. Interested vendors are required to submit a quotation, follow the instructions in Section 4 of the solicitation, complete the required portions of the attached document, and submit it to the following address:

**American Embassy Lilongwe  
Area 40, Plot # 24  
Jomo Kenyatta Road Malawi**

Please submit your quotation in a sealed envelope marked "Quotation Enclosed" to the above address. The deadline for receipt of quotations is **May 13<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 11:30 (pm)hours** Malawi Local Time. No quotations will be accepted after this time.

In order for a quotation to be considered, you must also complete and submit the following:

1. SF-1449 (blocks 17, 24 and 30). Block 24 should list the total value of the quote for the base year and the option year.
2. Section I, the Schedule
3. Section 5, Representations and Certifications and ensure compliance with FAR 52.229-11 is completed with IRS Form W-14 found at [www.irs.gov/w14](http://www.irs.gov/w14)
4. Additional Information as required in Section 4.

A pre-proposal conference has been scheduled for **May 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 10:00am** hours at the Centre for Disease Control NICO House , Lilongwe, opposite ADL House City Centre (**Ref page 37**). Direct any questions regarding this solicitation in writing to Tanya Austin, Contracting Officer, questions must be written in English and may be sent to through the following e mail; [lilongwegsoprocurement@state.gov](mailto:lilongwegsoprocurement@state.gov).

Comparative evaluation is NOT a low price technically acceptable (LPTA) or trade-off process. Prospective offers must still meet basic standards for responsibility at FAR 9.104 and solicitation compliance to be eligible for award. We intend to award a contract based on initial quotations, without holding discussions, although we may hold discussions with companies if there is a need to do so

Sincerely,



**Tanya Austin**

Contracting Officer

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ITEM NO.	20. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT	23. UNIT PRICE	24. AMOUNT

32a. QUANTITY IN COLUMN 21 HAS BEEN

☐ RECEIVED    ☐ INSPECTED    ☐ ACCEPTED, AND CONFORMS TO THE CONTRACT, EXCEPT AS NOTED: \_\_\_\_\_

32b. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE		32c. DATE	32d. PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE	
32e. MAILING ADDRESS OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE			32f. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE	
			32g. E-MAIL OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE	
33. SHIP NUMBER <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> FINAL	34. VOUCHER NUMBER	35. AMOUNT VERIFIED CORRECT FOR	36. PAYMENT <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETE <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> FINAL	37. CHECK NUMBER
38. S/R ACCOUNT NO.	39. S/R VOUCHER NO.	40. PAID BY		
41a. I CERTIFY THIS ACCOUNT IS CORRECT AND PROPER FOR PAYMENT		42a. RECEIVED BY ( <i>Print</i> )		
41b. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFYING OFFICER		42b. RECEIVED AT ( <i>Location</i> )		
		42c. DATE REC'D (YY/MM/DD)		42d. TOTAL CONTAINERS

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## SECTION 1 - THE SCHEDULE

CONTINUATION TO SF-1449, RFQ NUMBER - **19M16022Q0008**  
BLOCK 23

JAMES ZADROGA 9/11 VICTIMS HEALTH AND COMPENSATION ACT OF 2010 NOTICE: UNLESS A WAIVER OR EXCEPTION APPLIES, PAYMENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THIS PROCUREMENT ARE SUBJECT TO AN EXCISE TAX OF 2% PURSUANT TO 26 U.S.C. 5000C.

### I. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Contractor shall complete all work, including furnishing all labor, material, equipment, and services, unless otherwise specified herein, required under this contract for stated services within the time specified herein. The price listed below shall include all labor, materials, overhead, and profit. In consideration of satisfactory performance of all scheduled services required under this contract, the Contractor shall be paid a monthly firm fixed price (FFP) for all services within the time specified herein.

### II. BASE PERIOD

The contract will be for a **one-year** period from the date of the contract award and a notice to proceed. The contract will include **three option years**.

1. The Contractor shall furnish all engineering, labor, tools, equipment, materials, supplies, and services to provide the required circuit as specified under Section 1, hereof:
2. Prices. In consideration of satisfactory performance of the services required under this contract, the Contractor shall be paid a FFP per month in US dollars according to the below in the "Base Year: September 28, 2022 to September 27, 2023" schedule. The Contractor will also be paid a FFP per month if option years are exercised according to the below "FIRST OPTION YEAR: September 28, 2023 to September 27, 2024", "SECOND OPTION YEAR: September 28, 2024 to September 27, 2025", "THIRD OPTION YEAR: September 28, 2025 to September 27, 2026", and "GRAND TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE, INCLUDING ALL OPTION YEARS" schedules. Contractor shall be responsible for payment end-to-end circuit billing.

## **2.1 VALUE ADDED TAX**

**VALUE ADDED TAX.** Value Added Tax (VAT) is not included in the CLIN rates. Instead, it will be priced as a separate line item in the contract and on invoices. Local law dictates the portion of the contract price that is subject to VAT; this percentage (currently 16.5% for Malawi) is multiplied only against that portion. It is reflected for each performance period.

## **2.2. The FFP are in US Dollars**

**BASE YEAR: September 28, 2022 to September 27, 2023**

<b>Contract Line Item #</b>	<b>Description of Services</b>	<b>Number of Months</b>	<b>Monthly Price US Dollars</b>	<b>Total Firm-Fixed Price US Dollars</b>
1	CDC INTERNET One (1) dedicated Internet fiber optic-based channel at minimum 20 Mbps providing fault tolerance in the last mile. Hot Standby Router Protocol (HSRP) is required.	12		
	<b>Sub Total</b>			
3	<b>Government excise tax (if applicable)</b>			
	<b>VAT on services (if applicable)</b>			
4	<b>Initial Equipment (once off)</b>			
	<b>VAT on equipment (if applicable)</b>			
	<b>TOTAL FOR BASE YEAR</b>			

**FIRST OPTION YEAR: September 28, 2023 to September 27, 2024**

<b>Contract Line Item #</b>	<b>Description of Services</b>	<b>Number of Months</b>	<b>Monthly Price US Dollars</b>	<b>Total Firm-Fixed Price US Dollars</b>
1	CDC INTERNET One (1) dedicated Internet fiber optic-based channel at minimum 20Mbps providing fault tolerance in the last mile. HSRP protocol is required.	12		
	<b>Sub Total</b>			
3	<b>Government excise tax (if applicable)</b>			

	<b>VAT on services (If applicable)</b>			
	<b>TOTAL FOR FIRST OPTION YEAR</b>			

**SECOND OPTION YEAR: September 28, 2024 to September 27, 2025**

<b>Contract Line Item #</b>	<b>Description of Services</b>	<b>Number of Months</b>	<b>Monthly Price US Dollars</b>	<b>Total Firm-Fixed Price US Dollars</b>
1	CDC INTERNET One (1) dedicated Internet fiber optic-based channel at minimum 20Mbps providing fault tolerance in the last mile. HSRP protocol is required.	12		
	<b>Sub Total</b>			
3	<b>Government excise tax (if applicable)</b>			
	<b>VAT on services (if applicable)</b>			
	<b>TOTAL FOR SECOND OPTION YEAR</b>			

**THIRD OPTION YEAR: September 28, 2025 to September 27, 2026**

<b>Contract Line Item #</b>	<b>Description of Services</b>	<b>Number of Months</b>	<b>Monthly Price US Dollars</b>	<b>Total Firm-Fixed Price US Dollars</b>
1	CDC INTERNET One (1) dedicated Internet fiber optic-based channel at minimum 20Mbps providing fault tolerance in the last mile. HSRP protocol is required.	12		
	<b>Sub Total</b>			
3	<b>Government excise tax (if applicable)</b>			



	VAT on services (if applicable)			
	<b>TOTAL FOR SECOND OPTION YEAR</b>			

<b>GRAND TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE, INCLUDING ALL OPTION YEARS</b>	
Base Period Total Price	
First Option Year Total Price	
Second Option Year Total Price	
Third Option Year Total Price	
<b>GRAND TOTAL FIRM-FIXED PRICE FOR BASE YEAR PLUS ALL OPTION YEARS</b>	

DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

**Background**

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) implements programs in Malawi that focus on public health issues of importance to Malawi especially in the areas of disease prevention, treatment, and care.

CDC has a requirement for one year (365 days/366 days if a leap year) of full duplex, clear channels, and digital circuits capable of supporting synchronous traffic 20 Mbps, between the CDC Office located at NICO House in City Center in Lilongwe, Malawi and CDC headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Clear channel circuits shall be completely transparent to 20 Mbps data, with no bits added to or deleted from the bit stream provided to the interface of the CDC equipment.

**I. SCOPE OF WORK**

The purpose of this firm fixed price (FFP) purchase order is to obtain dedicated Internet Connection, and Circuitry for the U.S. Embassy Lilongwe - U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Office.

The local telecommunication's Internet Service Provider (ISP) contracting firm must provide internet services and dedicated leased line channels, and circuitry for connecting the U.S. Embassy Lilongwe - CDC Office to Internet services.

<b>1. SERVICE: Dedicated Internet Service</b>	
<b>NAME:</b>	Dedicated Internet Service for US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Dedicated Internet high-speed channel at minimum 20 Mbps providing fault tolerance in the last mile. HSRP protocol is required.
<b>TYPE OF SERVICE:</b>	Dedicated, symmetric internet high capacity and high-quality channel 20 Mbps with RTT less than 250ms, jitter less than 30ms and packet loss less than 1 percent. The connection must be traffic-independent flat fee, unlimited usage, without any further restrictions of use (no proxy, firewall, filtering server) and the internet bandwidth must be a dedicated (1:1), symmetric line, not shared with other customers.
<b>LOCATION:</b>	CDC, NICO House, City Center, Lilongwe, Malawi

<b>LEGAL REQUIREMENT</b>	Merchant should express NDAA Certification to comply with Public Law 115-232, also known as the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act. <b>Refer to Attachment 1</b>
<b>2. Requirements For Internet Service</b>	
<p><b>INTERNET CONNECTION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dedicated (not shared or bundled) leased channel high-speed access to the Internet. Post ISP connection must be "always on" with unlimited usage and must not require the installation of any custom software on the client side.</li> <li>2. The connection must be traffic-independent flat fee, unlimited usage, without any further restrictions of use (no proxy, firewall, filtering server) and the internet bandwidth must be a dedicated (1:1), symmetric line, not shared with other customers.</li> <li>3. ISP shall provide unfiltered access to the Internet without ISP firewall blocking. Filters or sniffers must not be established, connected, or introduced by the ISP for any US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) channels. If there are any existing filters, sniffers, restrictions, or proxies, they must be identified, and removed prior to lease line circuit installation.</li> <li>4. ISP must guarantee full contracted bandwidth availability 24 hours each day, 7 days each week, for the full 1 year (365 days/366 during leap years) of the contract of the year from the originator side to the ISP's internet gateway. Bandwidth sharing between other non-CDC customers is not allowed. Connection Ratio must be 1:1 (1/1). If option years are exercised, the ISP must provide guarantee full contracted bandwidth availability 24 hours each day, 7 days each week, for each full option year exercised.</li> <li>5. ISP must permit installation of customer CDC VPN encryption devices on circuit.</li> <li>6. ISP connection SHALL NOT use Network Address Translation (NAT).</li> <li>7. ISP must permit the transit of all Internet Protocols (IP), This includes, but is not limited to: User Datagram Protocol (UDP), Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), and Internet Protocol Security (IPsec) to transit without filters or proxies.</li> <li>8. ISP must not capture or record the receiving and sending transmission and packets. Internet service provider shall not scan traffic (should a scan be necessary to find problems in the network, a prior agreement must be obtained).</li> </ol> <p><b>SOLUTION DIVERSITY FOR BUSINESS CONTINUITY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Proposal should include ISP's comprehensive summary of its service continuity or disaster recovery plan and explain, if any, the role of its sub-contractors in the disaster recovery process.</li> </ol>	

10. To ensure diversity and resiliency with existing solution, vendors are requested to provide details regarding the transport layer (including potential suppliers and paths) and the IP layer (including upstream providers).
11. ISP must provide detailed network topology map that shows all possible paths used to access Internet Backbone including backup routes, and the classification of the provider as a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Internet Service Provider.
12. ISP shall provide fault-tolerance connectivity with channel state inspection mechanism.

## **PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY OF PROPOSED INTERNET SERVICE**

13. ISP shall provide a topology map of their network, showing all major connections and their associated bandwidths. Include technical details regarding the internet services' infrastructure transport layer and upstream Internet Point of Presence.
14. In the proposal, ISP must include details of the local-loop, last-mile, or physical transport of the service and indicate if owned by the offeror or purchased from third party. If local-loop, last-mile, or physical transport is leased from a third party, then the company's name and SLA must be included.
15. Dedicated Internet Service must have a resilient, high available transit IP backbone network with dedicated non-blocking Ethernet service ports with the committed data rate (CDR) of 20 Megabit capacity from the Internet port to the Internet backbone.
16. ISP shall have at least 2 upstream providers. It is desirable that these upstream providers are Tier 1 or Tier 2 (please provide details).
17. It is desirable that the ISP is present in most important Internet Exchange (IX)

### **Service Level Requirements**

*The service provider must define Service Level Agreement (SLA) for the service, including network availability (minimum 99.9%), mean time to respond, and mean time to restore. The following are baselines, however, responding ISP will provide a detail of the SLA and proposed objectives based on their service capabilities. The SLA will be evaluated as part of the quality of the service criteria.*

18. Quality of internet connection: latency less than 250ms, jitter less than 30ms and packet loss less than 1 percent in a period of 10 minutes.
19. ISP Round Trip Time (RTT) reports the total time in milliseconds (ms) to send a data packet and obtain a reply. ISP shall provide RTT that is faster than 250ms for internet service on CDC VPN and RTT faster than 100ms on open public link. Also, RTT must be faster than 7ms for local data services (for instance: point-to-point channels or web pages accessed through the Malawi Network Access Point, or "NAP").

20. ISP shall provide a matrix of baseline RTT between its PoP.
21. ISP shall guarantee 99.9% service availability and reliability at minimum for the duration of the contracted service.
22. ISP shall guarantee that 90% of bandwidth will be available, at any moment, to access and utilize cloud computing services like SaaS hosted on Microsoft Azure.
23. Packet loss will be measured from CDC network monitoring system by sending probes to a set of defined targets within and outside the ISP network. ISP shall provide reliable target(s) that can be used for this purpose. Refer to **attachments 2 and 3**, internet connection monitoring graphs showing acceptable and non-acceptable performance.

#### **NETWORK IDENTIFICATION**

24. The ISP must provide a block of four (/30 subnet) public internet IP addresses on a single subnet for Internet services.
25. The ISP must provide IP addresses used to identify the single subnet address in Classless Inter-Domain Routing address specification (Network IP address / 30) or, equivalently, its subnet mask 255.255.255.252, and ISP Gateway IP addresses (virtual IP addresses).

#### **NETWORK DEVICES**

The network devices shall comply with the following characteristics:

26. The ISP must permit ping and trace route traffic to the ISP connection RJ45 100/1000BaseTX router interface which terminates Customer VPN encryption device.
27. Services provided by the ISP must be delivered with RJ-45 interface connectors with a Gigabit interface.
28. The ISP must provide data media converters or transmission devices in all cases.
29. Power standard sources must be dual voltage (110v/60hz and 220v/50hz)
30. Devices must be Rack mountable in a standard Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) rack.

#### **TECHNICAL SUPPORT, POINT OF CONTACTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

31. ISP must warrant service support 7 days per week, 24 hours each day for 1 year (365 days/366 days during leap year). If option years are exercised then the ISP must warrant service support for 7 days per week, 24 hours each day for each option year exercised. T

32. ISP must warrant service support on site, if necessary, 7 days per week, 24 hours each day for 1 year (365 days/366 days during leap year). If option years are exercised then the ISP must warrant service support onsite, if necessary, for 7 days per week, 24 hours each day for each option year exercised. The services must be coordinated directly with Embassy's Contracting Office Representative (COR) or Information Technology (IT) representative from the CDC Information Technology services office.
33. CDC requires a high-level technical support always available with proactive monitoring of the services.
34. ISP shall provide a central Information Technology (IT) point of contact (POC) for incident management and for service requests, and another point of contact for contractual issues. The ISP must promptly coordinate technical issues during the initial installation process with CDC Office IT personnel
35. Technical support must be provided directly by specialized technicians and not by a first level help desk center. Support will be requested in link fault diagnosis and management, network equipment fault diagnosis and management, DNS modifications and problems.
36. ISP must provide online web access data traffic analysis graphs capabilities. Graphs must be updated daily. Graphs must retain traffic history behavior for at least one year.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE PROPOSAL  
ISP CAPABILITY AND TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE**

37. Offerors should demonstrate capabilities and technical experience by providing company profile, including detailed description of organizational capability and resources.
38. Proposal must include list of personnel and qualification of the personnel that will be assigned to this contract.
39. Offerors should have experience in providing similar services to national or multinational organizations with comparable internet service requirements. Client information should include bandwidth, period of supporting service, name and contact person. Mention if you have faced any problem providing such service. Technical evaluation team will assess experience based on background checks where such internet service has been provisioned.

## **II. EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Technical proposals will be evaluated along with the following matrix

<b>Organizational Capability and Resources</b>	
<b>Organizational Capability</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Organizational Resources</b>	
Provision of 3 comparable customers with contact information	
Reputation of service quality	
Performance levels for customer support	
<b>Dedicated Internet Access</b>	
Guarantee of dedicated symmetric (1:1) internet connection with nominal bandwidth	10
Unfiltered traffic	
No NAT	
<b>Transport Layer</b>	
Details of transport layer showing diversity and resiliency	20
Backup routes both last mile and upstream	
Network equipment used to build network infrastructure	
Independent of existing internet service transport layer	
<b>Business Continuity</b>	
ISP's own service continuity or disaster recovery plan	10
Number of offsite NOC and their locations	
Topology map and classification of providers	
Presence of redundant connections between multiple upstream providers and NOCs	
Ability to provide redundant connectivity to customers' end	
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Address latency, jitter, and packet loss	
Guarantee service availability	
Guarantee service reliability	
Evidence of Quality Assurance	
Access to online monitoring tools	
Ability to retain history behavior of the internet connection performance	
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Availability of technical support	20
Qualifications of technical support providers	

Performance levels for reliability	
Performance levels for customer support	

### III. GENERAL

A. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reserves the right to increase or decrease this digital circuit bandwidth requirement from no less than 15 Mbps and up to 30 Mbps within 30 days written notice to the Contractor. The availability of this circuit shall not be less than 99.9 percent per month for the duration of the contract including any option years exercised by the CDC.

B. The Contractor shall coordinate the service and shall be responsible for the technical sufficiency of the circuit(s), including services necessary to establish, operate, and restore the circuit(s). Except for modems and terminal equipment furnished by the US Government, the Contractor shall provide all equipment, materials, and supplies required to provide the service which includes the Data Service Unit (DSU) configured with Data Communications Equipment (DCE) interface. If required, signal element timing shall be provided by the Contractor's facility.

C. The Contractor shall provide sufficient technical support, to include availability of all resources including, but not limited to, technicians, proactive monitoring of the link, and quick resolution of issues detected on the link, to ensure uninterrupted end-to-end service between such terminal points as are covered in this contract. The Contractor shall provide, properly adjust, and maintain the circuit for continuous CDC use. The Contractor shall ensure that the circuit(s) comply with service changes, additions, or deletions as required under this contract.

#### **D. Circuit Downtime and Credits**

Credits shall be assessed against the Contractor in those instances where the circuit during any given month or year that fail to achieve and sustain the minimum acceptance standards stated above.

#### **1. Definitions:**

**Circuit Availability Acceptance Level:** Yearly Circuit Availability Acceptance Level is computed by 365 calendar days times 24 (hours per day) times 99.9% acceptance level equals 8,751.24 hours annum. ( $365 \times 24 = 8760 \times 99.9\% = 8,751.24$ ). Monthly Circuit Availability is computed by the calendar days per month times 24 (hours per day) times 99.9% acceptance level (example:  $31 \times 24 = 744 \times 99.9\% = 743.26$ ).

**Downtime:** That period when the circuit becomes non-operational or unusable for communication or transfer of data or failures to meet the minimum acceptance standards. The maximum cumulative Annual downtime that shall be acceptable for corrective or preventative maintenance is 8.76 hours ( $8760 \times .1\%$ ). The maximum cumulative Monthly downtime that shall be acceptable for corrective or preventative maintenance shall be .1% of the total available hours for the month (example:  $31 \times 24 = 744 \times .3\% = .74$  hours).



**Period of Downtime:** Downtime shall commence at the time first attempt for contact is made by the Government (or its representative) to the Contractor's Point of Contact and shall be annotated on the Remedy Ticket and shall continue until the circuit is returned into Service by the Government.

**Downtime Credits:** Monetary value returned to the Government for failure to meet the Circuit availability requirements. Downtime Credits shall be assessed based on cumulative downtime time with the minimum assessment being one hour. Downtime credit shall be equal to the hourly or daily rate (as applicable) as identified in the schedule in Section B. There are two (2) situations when circuit Downtime Credits can be accumulated:

- 1) Below Availability Level,
- 2) Extended Downtime.

## **2. Credit for Circuit Downtime by Situation**

**Below Availability Level:** If the downtime accumulated for a circuit adds up to 8.76 (8760 x 0.1%) cumulative hours or more during any one contract year (365 calendar days) or depending on the number of hours for the month (example 744 x .1%) cumulative hours per month (example: 31 calendar day month) the Contractor shall grant a hourly credit to the Government for each hour of downtime. Each additional one-hour increment or portion thereof will be assessed as an additional hour.

**Extended Downtime Credit(s):** Cumulative time of more than 18 hours but not greater than 24 hours for any one outage shall be assessed at a daily rate. Any increment of 24 hours beyond the initial 24 hours of any one outage shall be assessed at the standards for the hourly rate up to 12 hours, however between 12 and 24 hours the credit shall be assessed at the daily rate.

## **3. Exceptions to Cumulating of Downtime**

Cumulating of circuit downtime shall include all unscheduled downtime deemed to be the responsibility of the Contractor, with the following exceptions:

1. When the failure to perform arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor or Sub-contractor as defined in the Termination for Default clause in Section I of this contract.

2. Malfunction of equipment, frequency fading and interference, errors of commission and/or omission by the Contractor or Sub-contractor, and commercial power surges or failures are normal hazards of the industry and therefore do not qualify as causes beyond the control of the Contractor or Sub-contractor. The Contractor shall be charged with credits for all reported outages determined "no trouble found" or "came clear while testing" but which exceed 45 minutes.

The Contracting Officer shall make final determination as to whether downtime is the responsibility of the Contractor. If requested by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall provide documentation to support claims of excusable downtime. For downtime determined to

be the Contractor's responsibility, the Contracting Officer may elect to assess a credit for each instance of non-performance.

#### **4. Payment Reduction for Downtime Credits**

When Circuit Downtime credit(s) is owed to the Government, the total number of creditable hours shall be accumulated for the month and will be deducted from the payment due the Contractor in the month they accrued.

#### **5. Trouble Escalation Procedure**

a. The Government shall refer the problem to the carrier after performing tests as prescribed in the Trouble Analysis procedure. Obtain the name of the carrier test person and a carrier ticket number; record this information on the Government's Remedy Ticket.

b. After the trouble has been referred to the carrier for two thirty (30) minutes, recall the carrier for an update on the current trouble. Record the carrier's response, the name of the individual you talked with, and the carrier ticket number on the Remedy Ticket.

c. After the trouble has been referred to the carrier for four one (1) hour, recall the carrier for an update on the current trouble. If the carrier's response is not satisfactory escalate the trouble to the carrier's management. Record the carrier's response, the name of the individual you talked with, and the carrier ticket number on the Remedy Ticket.

d. After the trouble has been referred to the Contractor for two (2) hours the COR shall escalate the trouble to the Contractor's manager; also notify CDC Malawi Information Technology Services Office and CDC Atlanta OCIO helpdesk and the Contracting Officer. Record the contractor's response, the name of the individual you talked with, the Contractor ticket number, and the names of the Information Technology officers that were notified on the Remedy Ticket.

e. Continue to check the status with the Contractor for the remainder of the outage or until you have received a problem resolved status.

#### **6. Technological Refreshment**

After contract award, the Government may; pursuant to FAR clause 52.212-4 - Contract Terms and Conditions –Commercial Items, paragraph (c), Changes; request changes within the scope of the contract. These changes may be required to improve performance or react to changes in technology.

The Contractor may propose for the Government's technological refreshment, substitutions or additions for any provided products or services that may become available as a result of technological improvements. The Government may, at any time during the term of this contract or any extensions thereof, modify the contract to acquire products which are similar to those under the contract and that the Contractor has, or has not, formally announced for marketing purposes. This action is considered to be within the scope of the contract. At the option of the Government, a demonstration of the substitute product may be required. The Government is under no obligation to modify the contract in response to the proposed additions or substitutions.

Such substitutions or additions may include any part of, or all of, a given product(s) provided that the following conditions are met and substantiated by documentation in the technological refreshment proposal:

1. The proposed product(s) shall meet all the technical specifications of this document and conform to the terms and conditions cited in the contract.

2. The proposed product(s) shall have the capacity, performance, or functional characteristics equal to or greater than, the current product(s).

3. The proposal shall discuss the impact on hardware, services, and delivery schedules. The cost of the changes not specifically addressed in the proposal shall be borne entirely by the Contractor.

4. Contractor has the right to withdraw, in whole or in part, any technological refreshment proposal prior to acceptance by the Government. Contractor will use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that prices for substitutions or additions are comparable to replaced or discontinued products. If a technological refreshment proposal is accepted and made a part of this contract, an equitable adjustment, increasing or decreasing the contract price, may be required and any other affected provisions of this contract shall be made in accordance with FAR clause 52.212-4, paragraph (c), Changes, and other applicable clauses of the contract.

E. Reserved

F. Reserved

G. Reserved

H. Reserved

I. Reserved

J. Reserved

K. **Acceptable Level of Performance.** The Standard of Performance (SP) for this contract is 99.9% percent availability of consistent, uninterrupted Internet service as described in the scope of work each month for the duration of the contract and any exercised option years (100 percent less 0.1 percent each month for corrective and preventive maintenance).

L. **Inspection and Acceptance.** Unless specified in the Contract, the US Government shall require a period not to exceed 24 hours in order to perform testing to determine acceptance of the required circuit(s) under Section C. The U.S. destination point, or the U.S. foreign post shall conduct the testing.

M. **Term of Contract:** The required circuits shall be installed and delivered to the Destination Point on or before 30 Days after Contract Award. Upon successful installation and acceptance by the Government of the required circuit under Section C, the Contractor shall be provided, in writing, notice to proceed and shall provide contractual services for a twelve (12) month period, commencing on the date specified in the notice to proceed.

N. The Contractor agrees that the work and services set forth in this contract shall be performed during the period commencing the effective date of this contract and shall continue through the end of the 12 months period of service (CLIN 1 through 8), excluding the exercise of any option.

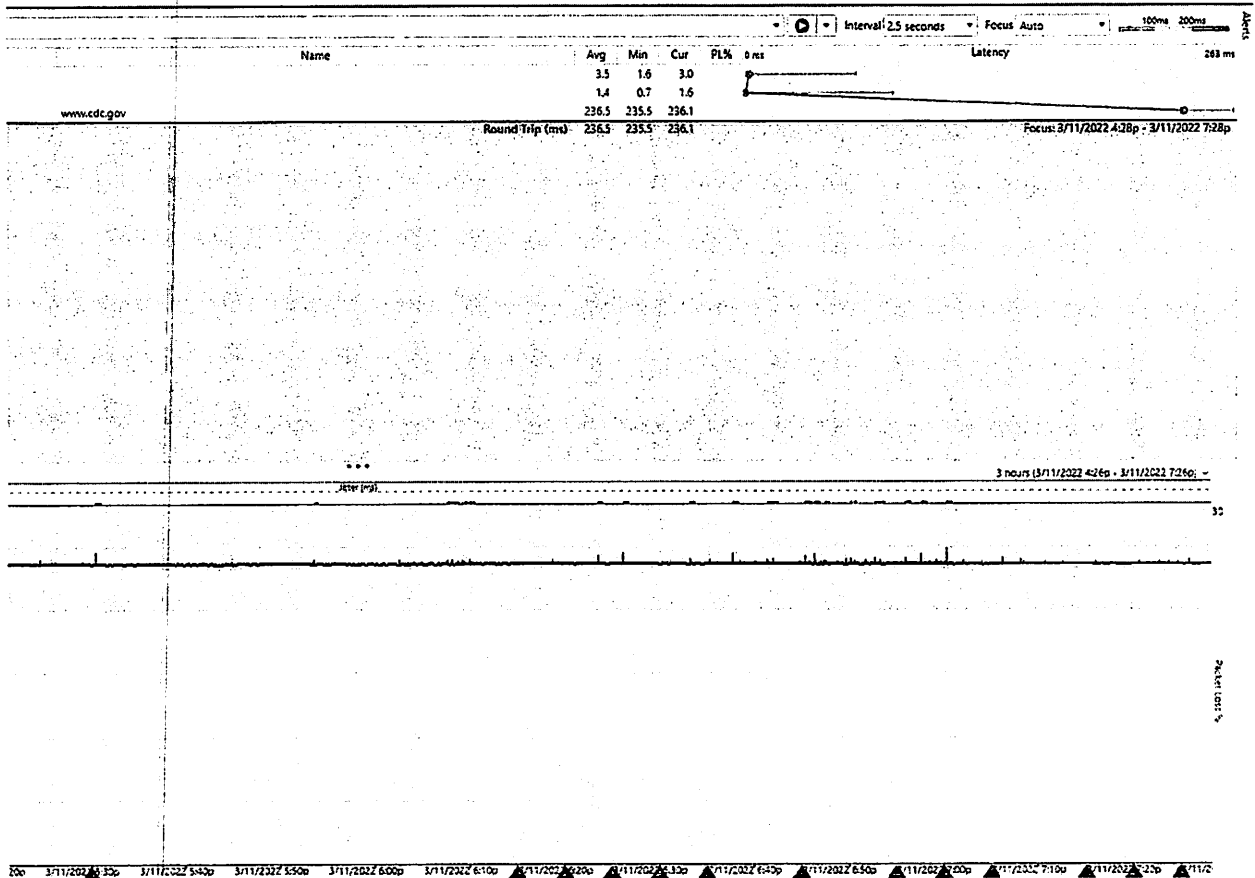
#### 7. QUALITY ASSURANCE AND SURVEILLANCE PLAN (QASP)

This plan provides an effective method to promote satisfactory contractor performance. The QASP provides a method for the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) to monitor Contractor performance, advise the Contractor of unsatisfactory performance, and notify the Contracting Officer of continued unsatisfactory performance. The Contractor, not the Government, is responsible for management and quality control to meet the terms of the contract. The role of the Government is to monitor quality to ensure that contract standards are achieved.

Performance Objective	Scope of Work Para	Performance Threshold
<u>Services.</u> Performs all internet services set forth in the scope of work.		Stipulated in service level agreement

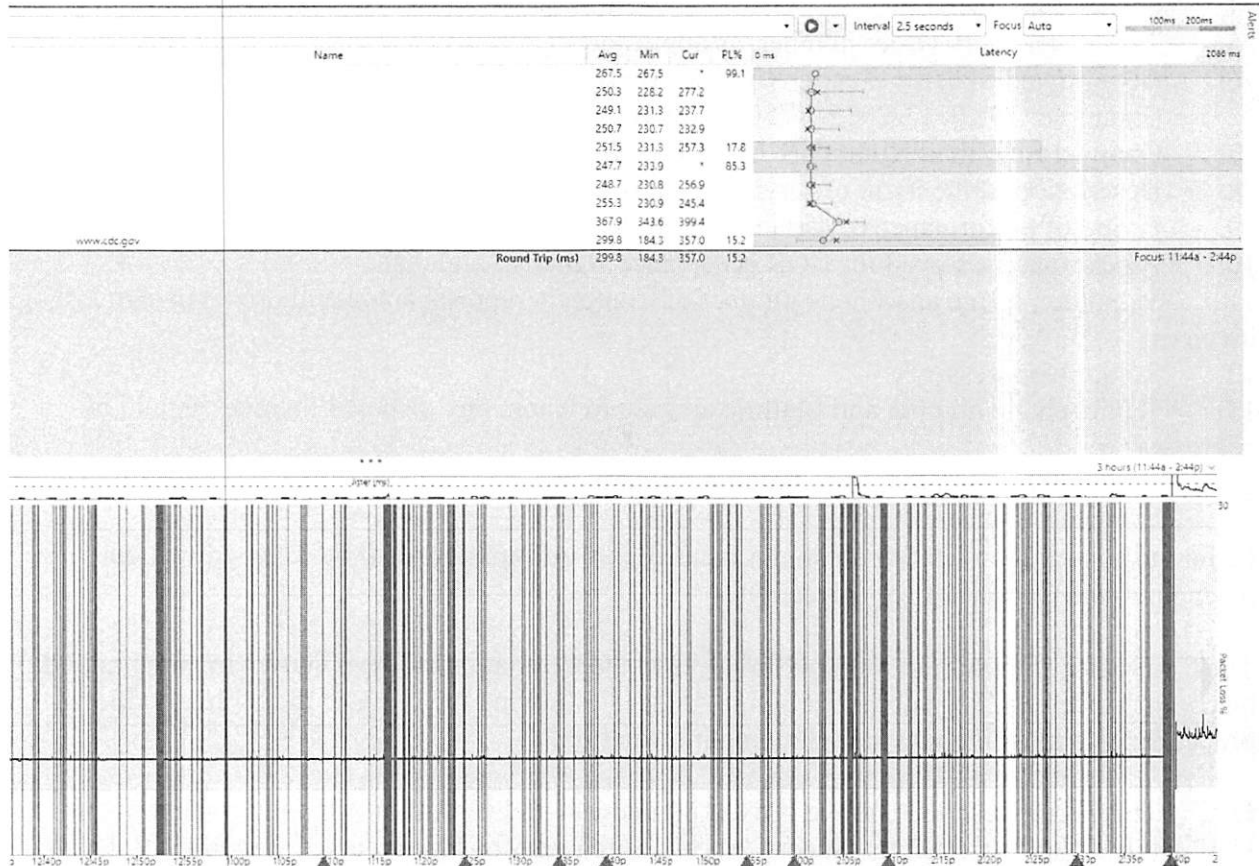
## ATTACHMENT 2

Pingplotter Graph showing acceptable quality of internet link. No packet losses, minimal jitter and average RTT is 236 ms.



### ATTACHMENT 3

Pingplotter graph showing internet connection with poor quality of internet link. High packet losses and average speed is 357 ms. Unacceptable level of service.



P. An Invoice, suitable for payment, shall contain, but not limited to, the following information:

1. Name of Contractor;
2. Date of Invoice;
3. Original Invoice Number (Consecutive numbers);
4. Contract number;
5. Task or Delivery Order number, as applicable;
6. Government Specific Accounting and Appropriation Data (Funding Cite.)  
(Example: 19X0113-2015-X75041-180100-5327-2332);
7. Contract Line Item Number (CLIN) of item or service provided;
8. Description of the item, or service actually provided;
9. Period of performance of service or date item is provided;
10. Block/Space reserved for COR acceptance signature and date;
11. Signature, Name and Phone number of Company representative authorized to sign invoices;
12. Remit to address
13. Name, phone number and Mailing address to whom any disputed invoices should be addressed;
14. Credits with explanation and period covered.

Failure to submit Invoices which do not identify this information shall be returned without payment to the Contractor for correction.

The Contractor shall submit monthly invoices to the COR at the address shown in paragraphed below. Invoices shall be submitted within 45 days following the close of the billing period. A proper invoice must include the following information:

Q. The circuit described above is exempt, under Article 34 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, from the Special Access Surcharges or foreign taxes, including Value Added Taxes.

R. Authorized Instruction to Contractor

a. No person or agency other than the Contracting Officer (CO) is authorized to give instruction, orders or directions on behalf of the Government to the Contractor or his employees, unless such person or agency is authorized in writing by the CO to so act. The authority of such person or agency is strictly limited to the written authorization provided by the CO. The duty is upon the Contractor to determine the authority of such person or agency. Any questions regarding the authority of such person or agency should be directed to the CO in writing.

b. Contracting Officer's Representative (COR): The CO may designate and authorize a representative(s) to act on his/her behalf under this contract. Such representative(s) as may be appointed shall be designated by a letter from the CO and a copy of the letter shall be given to the Contractor. The COR shall represent the CO as specified in his/her delegation of authority letter. The COR shall not be authorized to issue change orders or adjustments.

Changes in the Scope of Work/Specifications or any increase or decrease in the work called for by this contract shall be made by the CO by an executed modification to this contract.

S. Government-Furnished Equipment (GFE): **Lockable switch cabinet**

T. Release of Information

1. The Contractor's organization shall clear with the Information Office listed below any public release of information on this contract. This information includes news stories, articles, sales literature, advertisements, radio-TV spots, etc.

*1.* The request for public release of information should be addressed to:

**Contracting Officer  
U.S. Embassy  
Kenyatta Road  
Area 40, Plot # 24  
Lilongwe, Malawi**



## SECTION 2 - CONTRACT CLAUSES

### **52.204-25 Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (Aug 2020)**

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause—

*Covered foreign country* means The People's Republic of China.

*Covered telecommunications equipment or services* means—

(1) Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);

(2) For the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(3) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or

(4) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

*Critical technology* means—

(1) Defense articles or defense services included on the United States Munitions List set forth in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations under subchapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Federal Regulations.

(2) Items included on the Commerce Control List set forth in Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administration Regulations under subchapter C of chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, and controlled—

(i) Pursuant to multilateral regimes, including for reasons relating to national security, chemical and biological weapons proliferation, nuclear nonproliferation, or missile technology; or

(ii) For reasons relating to regional stability or surreptitious listening.

(3) Specially designed and prepared nuclear equipment, parts and components, materials, software, and technology covered by part 810 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to assistance to foreign atomic energy activities);

(4) Nuclear facilities, equipment, and material covered by part 110 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to export and import of nuclear equipment and material);

(5) Select agents and toxins covered by part 331 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, part 121 of title 9 of such Code, or part 73 of title 42 of such Code; or

(6) Emerging and foundational technologies controlled pursuant to section 1758 of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4817).

*Substantial or essential component* means any component necessary for the proper function or performance of a piece of equipment, system, or service.

(b) *Prohibition.* Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2019, from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or

obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. The Contractor is prohibited from providing to the Government any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless an exception at paragraph (c) of this clause applies or the covered telecommunication equipment or services are covered by a waiver described in Federal Acquisition Regulation 4.2104.

(c) *Exceptions*. This clause does not prohibit contractors from providing—

(1) A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

(2) Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(d) *Reporting requirement*.

(1) In the event the Contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the Contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the Contractor shall report the information in paragraph (d)(2) of this clause to the Contracting Officer, unless elsewhere in this contract are established procedures for reporting the information; in the case of the Department of Defense, the Contractor shall report to the website at <https://dibnet.dod.mil>. For indefinite delivery contracts, the Contractor shall report to the Contracting Officer for the indefinite delivery contract and the Contracting Officer(s) for any affected order or, in the case of the Department of Defense, identify both the indefinite delivery contract and any affected orders in the report provided at <https://dibnet.dod.mil>.

(2) The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (d)(1) of this clause

(i) Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: the contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.

(ii) Within 10 business days of submitting the information in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this clause: any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the Contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(e) *Subcontracts*. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (e), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments, including subcontracts for the acquisition of commercial items.

(End of clause)

FAR 52.212-4 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (OCT 2018) is incorporated by reference. (see SF-1449, Block 27A)

FAR 52.212-4 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JAN 2017), is incorporated by reference (see SF-1449, Block 27A)

**II. 52.212-5 CONTRACT Terms and Conditions Required To Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Items (Jan 2017)**

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses, which are incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

- (1) 52.203-19, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (Jan 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).
- (2) 52.209-10, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (Nov 2015).
- (3) 52.233-3, Protest After Award (Aug 1996) (31 U.S.C. 3553).
- (4) 52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (Oct 2004)(Public Laws 108-77 and 108-78 (19 U.S.C. 3805 note)).

(b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

\_X\_ (1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (Sept 2006), with Alternate I (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 4704 and 10 U.S.C. 2402).

\_ (2) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Oct 2016) (41 U.S.C. 3509)).

\_ (3) 52.203-15, Whistleblower Protections under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (June 2010) (Section 1553 of Pub. L. 111-5). (Applies to contracts funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.)

\_X\_ (4) 52.204-10, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (Oct 2016) (Pub. L. 109-282) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

\_ (5) [Reserved].

\_ (6) 52.204-14, Service Contract Reporting Requirements (Oct 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

\_ (7) 52.204-15, Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (Oct 2016) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

\_X\_ (8) 52.209-6, Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment. (Oct 2015) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

\_ (9) 52.209-9, Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (Jul 2013) (41 U.S.C. 2313).

\_ (10) [Reserved].

\_ (11)(i) 52.219-3, Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

\_ (ii) Alternate I (Nov 2011) of 52.219-3.

- \_\_\_ (12)(i) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (Oct 2014) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer) (15 U.S.C. 657a).
- \_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Jan 2011) of 52.219-4.
- \_\_\_ (13) [Reserved]
- \_\_\_ (14)(i) 52.219-6, Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 644).
- \_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Nov 2011).
- \_\_\_ (iii) Alternate II (Nov 2011).
- \_\_\_ (15)(i) 52.219-7, Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (June 2003) (15 U.S.C. 644).
- \_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Oct 1995) of 52.219-7.
- \_\_\_ (iii) Alternate II (Mar 2004) of 52.219-7.
- \_\_\_ (16) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Nov 2016) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)).
- \_\_\_ (17)(i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Jan 2017) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)).
- \_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Nov 2016) of 52.219-9.
- \_\_\_ (iii) Alternate II (Nov 2016) of 52.219-9.
- \_\_\_ (iv) Alternate III (Nov 2016) of 52.219-9.
- \_\_\_ (v) Alternate IV (Nov 2016) of 52.219-9.
- \_\_\_ (18) 52.219-13, Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 644(r)).
- \_\_\_ (19) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (Jan 2017) (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)).
- \_\_\_ (20) 52.219-16, Liquidated Damages—Subcontracting Plan (Jan 1999) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)(F)(i)).
- \_\_\_ (21) 52.219-27, Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 657 f).
- \_\_\_ (22) 52.219-28, Post Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)).
- \_\_\_ (23) 52.219-29, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole Source Award to, Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business Concerns (Dec 2015) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).
- \_\_\_ (24) 52.219-30, Notice of Set-Aside for, or Sole Source Award to, Women-Owned Small Business Concerns Eligible Under the Women-Owned Small Business Program (Dec 2015) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).
- \_\_\_ (25) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (June 2003) (E.O. 11755).
- \_\_\_ X (26) 52.222-19, Child Labor—Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (Oct 2016) (E.O. 13126).
- \_\_\_ (27) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Apr 2015).
- \_\_\_ (28) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Sept 2016) (E.O. 11246).
- \_\_\_ (29) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Oct 2015) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- \_\_\_ (30) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (Jul 2014) (29 U.S.C. 793).
- \_\_\_ (31) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (Feb 2016) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- \_\_\_ (32) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (Dec 2010) (E.O. 13496).
- \_\_\_ X (33)(i) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Mar 2015) (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).
- \_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Mar 2015) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).

\_\_\_ (34) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (Oct 2015). (Executive Order 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial items as prescribed in 22.1803.)

\_\_\_ (35) 52.222-59, Compliance with Labor Laws (Executive Order 13673) (Oct 2016). (Applies at \$50 million for solicitations and resultant contracts issued from October 25, 2016 through April 24, 2017; applies at \$500,000 for solicitations and resultant contracts issued after April 24, 2017).

**Note to paragraph (b)(35):** By a court order issued on October 24, 2016, 52.222-59 is enjoined indefinitely as of the date of the order. The enjoined paragraph will become effective immediately if the court terminates the injunction. At that time, GSA, DoD and NASA will publish a document in the *Federal Register* advising the public of the termination of the injunction.

\_\_\_ (36) 52.222-60, Paycheck Transparency (Executive Order 13673) (OCT 2016).

\_\_\_ (37)(i) 52.223-9, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA–Designated Items (May 2008) (42 U.S.C. 6962(c)(3)(A)(ii)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (May 2008) of 52.223-9 (42 U.S.C. 6962(i)(2)(C)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)

\_\_\_ (38) 52.223-11, Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693).

\_\_\_ (39) 52.223-12, Maintenance, Service, Repair, or Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693).

\_\_\_ (40)(i) 52.223-13, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Imaging Equipment (Jun 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Oct 2015) of 52.223-13.

\_\_\_ (41)(i) 52.223-14, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Televisions (Jun 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Jun 2014) of 52.223-14.

\_\_\_ (42) 52.223-15, Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (Dec 2007) (42 U.S.C. 8259b).

\_\_\_ (43)(i) 52.223-16, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Personal Computer Products (Oct 2015) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Jun 2014) of 52.223-16.

X (44) 52.223-18, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (Aug 2011) (E.O. 13513).

\_\_\_ (45) 52.223-20, Aerosols (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693).

\_\_\_ (46) 52.223-21, Foams (Jun 2016) (E.O. 13693).

\_\_\_ (47)(i) 52.224-3, Privacy Training (JAN 2017) (5 U.S.C. 552a).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (JAN 2017) of 52.224-3.

\_\_\_ (48) 52.225-1, Buy American—Supplies (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83).

\_\_\_ (49)(i) 52.225-3, Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note, 19 U.S.C. 3805 note, 19 U.S.C. 4001 note, Pub. L. 103-182, 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, 110-138, 112-41, 112-42, and 112-43).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (May 2014) of 52.225-3.

\_\_\_ (iii) Alternate II (May 2014) of 52.225-3.

- \_\_\_ (iv) Alternate III (May 2014) of 52.225-3.
  - \_\_\_ (50) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (Oct 2016) (19 U.S.C. 2501, et seq., 19 U.S.C. 3301note).
  - X (51) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (June 2008) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).
  - \_\_\_ (52) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Oct 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).
  - \_\_\_ (53) 52.226-4, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).
  - \_\_\_ (54) 52.226-5, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).
  - X (55) 52.232-29, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items (Feb 2002) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
  - \_\_\_ (56) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (Jan 2017) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
  - X (57) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
  - \_\_\_ (58) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other than System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
  - \_\_\_ (59) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (May 2014) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
  - \_\_\_ (60) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (Aug 1996) (5 U.S.C. 552a).
  - \_\_\_ (61) 52.242-5, Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (Jan 2017)(15 U.S.C. 637(d)(12)).
  - \_\_\_ (62)(i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631).
  - \_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I (Apr 2003) of 52.247-64.
- (c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:
- [Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]
- \_\_\_ (1) 52.222-17, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (May 2014)(E.O. 13495).
  - \_\_\_ (2) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
  - \_\_\_ (3) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (May 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
  - \_\_\_ (4) 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (May 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
  - \_\_\_ (5) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards—Price Adjustment (May 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
  - \_\_\_ (6) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment—Requirements (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
  - \_\_\_ (7) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services—Requirements (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
  - \_\_\_ (8) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (Dec 2015).

\_\_\_ (9) 52.222-62, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (JAN 2017) (E.O. 13706).

\_\_\_ (10) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (May 2014) (42 U.S.C. 1792).

\_\_\_ (11) 52.237-11, Accepting and Dispensing of \$1 Coin (Sept 2008) (31 U.S.C. 5112(p)(1)).

(d) *Comptroller General Examination of Record*. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, Audit and Records—Negotiation.

(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.

(3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.

(e)(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause, other than those in this paragraph (e)(1) in a subcontract for commercial items. Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause—

(i) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Oct 2015) (41 U.S.C. 3509).

(ii) 52.203-19, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (Jan 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).

(iii) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Nov 2016) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds \$700,000 (\$1.5 million for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

(iv) 52.222-17, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (May 2014) (E.O. 13495). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (l) of FAR clause 52.222-17.

(v) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Apr 2015)

(vi) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Sept 2016) (E.O. 11246).

(vii) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Oct 2015) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

(viii) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (Jul 2014) (29 U.S.C. 793).

(ix) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (Feb 2016) (38 U.S.C. 4212)

(x) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (Dec 2010) (E.O. 13496). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (f) of FAR clause 52.222-40.

(xi) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

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52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Mar 2015) (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O 13627). Alternate I (Mar 2015) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O 13627).

(xiii) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(xiv) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).

(xv) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (Oct 2015) (E.O. 12989).

(xvi) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (Dec 2015).

(xvii) 52.222-59, Compliance with Labor Laws (Executive Order 13673) (Oct 2016) (Applies at \$50 million for solicitations and resultant contracts issued from October 25, 2016 through April 24, 2017; applies at \$500,000 for solicitations and resultant contracts issued after April 24, 2017).

**Note to paragraph (e)(1)(xvii):** By a court order issued on October 24, 2016, 52.222-59 is enjoined indefinitely as of the date of the order. The enjoined paragraph will become effective immediately if the court terminates the injunction. At that time, GSA, DoD and NASA will publish a document in the *Federal Register* advising the public of the termination of the injunction.

(xviii) 52.222-60, Paycheck Transparency (Executive Order 13673) (Oct 2016)).

(xix) 52.222-62, Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (Jan 2017) (E.O. 13706).

(xx)(A) 52.224-3, Privacy Training (Jan 2017) (5 U.S.C. 552a).

(B) Alternate I (Jan 2017) of 52.224-3.

(xxi) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Oct 2016) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).

(xxii) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (May 2014) (42 U.S.C. 1792). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause 52.226-6.

(xxiii) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64.

(2) While not required, the Contractor may include in its subcontracts for commercial items a minimal number of additional clauses necessary to satisfy its contractual obligations.

(End of clause)

## ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT CLAUSES

### FAR AND DOSAR CLAUSES NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

#### 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)



This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es): <http://www.acquisition.gov/far/> or <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/vffara.htm>.

These addresses are subject to change. If the FAR is not available at the locations indicated above, use of an internet "search engine" (for example, Google, Yahoo, Excite) is suggested to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR clauses.

The following Federal Acquisition Regulation clauses are incorporated by reference:

<u>CLAUSE</u>	<u>TITLE AND DATE</u>
52.204-9 (JAN 2011)	PERSONAL IDENTITY VERIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL
52.204-13	SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT MAINTENANCE (OCTO 2016)
52.225-14	INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN ENGLISH VERSION AND TRANSLATION OF CONTRACT (FEB 2000)
52.228-3	Workers' Compensation Insurance (Defense Base Act) JUL 2014
52.228-5	INSURANCE - WORK ON A GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION (JAN 1997)
52.229-6	FOREIGN FIXED PRICE CONTRACTS (FEB 2013)
52.232-39	UNENFORCEABILITY OF UNAUTHORIZED OBLIGATIONS (JUNE 2013)

The following FAR clause(s) is/are included in full text:

52.217-8 OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES (NOV 1999)

The Government may require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. The option provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance hereunder shall not exceed 6 months. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within the performance period of the contract.

52.217-9 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT (MAR 2000)

(a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within the performance period of the contract or within 30 days after funds for the option year become available, whichever is later.

(b) If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option clause.

(c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed **4 years**, including base and all options years.

**52.232-19 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR (APR 1984)**

Funds are not presently available for performance under this contract beyond **September 30, 2022**. The Government's obligation for performance of this contract beyond that date is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise for performance under this contract beyond **September 30, 2022**, until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for performance and until the Contractor receives notice of availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

The following DOSAR clause(s) is/are provided in full text:

**CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION (JULY 2008)**

Contract performance may require contractor personnel to attend meetings with government personnel and the public, work within government offices, and/or utilize government email.

Contractor personnel must take the following actions to identify themselves as non-federal employees:

- 1) Use an email signature block that shows name, the office being supported and company affiliation (e.g. "John Smith, Office of Human Resources, ACME Corporation Support Contractor");
  - 2) Clearly identify themselves and their contractor affiliation in meetings;
  - 3) Identify their contractor affiliation in Departmental e-mail and phone listings whenever contractor personnel are included in those listings; and
  - 4) Contractor personnel may not utilize Department of State logos or indicia on business cards.
- (End of clause)

**652.232-70 PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND INVOICE SUBMISSION (FIXED-PRICE)  
(AUG 1999)**

(a) General. The Government shall pay the contractor as full compensation for all work required, performed, and accepted under this contract the firm fixed-price stated in this contract.

(b) Invoice Submission. The contractor shall submit invoices in an original and **two copies** to the office identified in Block 18b of the SF-1449. To constitute a proper invoice, the invoice shall include all the items required by FAR 32.905(e).

***U.S. Embassy (FMO)***

***Kenyatta Road***

***Area 40, Plot # 24***

***Lilongwe, Malawi***

Email : LilongweBFInvoices@state.gov

The contractor shall show Value Added Tax (VAT) as a separate item on invoices submitted for payment, if applicable.

(c) Contractor Remittance Address. The Government will make payment to the contractor's address stated on the cover page of this contract, unless a separate remittance address is shown below:


**652.242-70 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE (COR) (AUG 1999)**

(a) The Contracting Officer may designate in writing one or more Government employees, by name or position title, to take action for the Contracting Officer under this contract. Each designee shall be identified as a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Such designation(s) shall specify the scope and limitations of the authority so delegated; provided, that the designee shall not change the terms or conditions of the contract, unless the COR is a warranted Contracting Officer and this authority is delegated in the designation.

(b) The COR for this contract is the **CDC Deputy Country Director**

**652.225-71 SECTION 8(A) OF THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1979, as amended (AUG 1999)**

(a) Section 8(a) of the U.S. Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 2407(a)), prohibits compliance by U.S. persons with any boycott fostered by a foreign country against a country which is friendly to the United States and which is not itself the object of any form of boycott pursuant to United States law or regulation. The Boycott of Israel by Arab League countries is such a boycott, and therefore, the following actions, if taken with intent to comply with, further, or support the Arab League Boycott of Israel, are prohibited activities under the Export Administration Act:

(1) Refusing, or requiring any U.S. person to refuse to do business with or in Israel, with any Israeli business concern, or with any national or resident of Israel, or with any other person, pursuant to an agreement of, or a request from or on behalf of a boycotting country;

(2) Refusing, or requiring any U.S. person to refuse to employ or otherwise discriminating against any person on the basis of race, religion, sex, or national origin of that person or of any owner, officer, director, or employee of such person;

(3) Furnishing information with respect to the race, religion, or national origin of any U.S. person or of any owner, officer, director, or employee of such U.S. person;

(4) Furnishing information about whether any person has, has had, or proposes to have any business relationship (including a relationship by way of sale, purchase, legal or commercial representation, shipping or other transport, insurance, investment, or supply) with or in the State of Israel, with any business concern organized under the laws of the State of Israel, with any Israeli national or resident, or with any person which is known or believed to be restricted from having any business relationship with or in Israel;

(5) Furnishing information about whether any person is a member of, has made contributions to, or is otherwise associated with or involved in the activities of any charitable or fraternal organization which supports the State of Israel; and,

(6) Paying, honoring, confirming, or otherwise implementing a letter of credit which contains any condition or requirement against doing business with the State of Israel.

(b) Under Section 8(a), the following types of activities are not forbidden "compliance with the boycott," and are therefore exempted from Section 8(a)'s prohibitions listed in paragraphs (a)(1)-(6) above:

(1) Complying or agreeing to comply with requirements:

(i) Prohibiting the import of goods or services from Israel or goods produced or services provided by any business concern organized under the laws of Israel or by nationals or residents of Israel; or,

(ii) Prohibiting the shipment of goods to Israel on a carrier of Israel, or by a route other than that prescribed by the boycotting country or the recipient of the shipment;

(2) Complying or agreeing to comply with import and shipping document requirements with respect to the country of origin, the name of the carrier and route of shipment, the name of the supplier of the shipment or the name of the provider of other services, except that no information knowingly furnished or conveyed in response to such requirements may be stated in negative, blacklisting, or similar exclusionary terms, other than with respect to carriers or route of shipments as may be permitted by such regulations in order to comply with precautionary requirements protecting against war risks and confiscation;

(3) Complying or agreeing to comply in the normal course of business with the unilateral and specific selection by a boycotting country, or national or resident thereof, of carriers, insurance, suppliers of services to be performed within the boycotting country

or specific goods which, in the normal course of business, are identifiable by source when imported into the boycotting country;

(4) Complying or agreeing to comply with the export requirements of the boycotting country relating to shipments or transshipments of exports to Israel, to any business concern of or organized under the laws of Israel, or to any national or resident of Israel;

(5) Compliance by an individual or agreement by an individual to comply with the immigration or passport requirements of any country with respect to such individual or any member of such individual's family or with requests for information regarding requirements of employment of such individual within the boycotting country; and,

(6) Compliance by a U.S. person resident in a foreign country or agreement by such person to comply with the laws of that country with respect to his or her activities exclusively therein, and such regulations may contain exceptions for such resident complying with the laws or regulations of that foreign country governing imports into such country of trademarked, trade named, or similarly specifically identifiable products, or components of products for his or her own use, including the performance of contractual services within that country, as may be defined by such regulations.

#### 652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)

(a) The contractor warrants the following:

(1) That it has obtained authorization to operate and do business in the country or countries in which this contract will be performed;

(2) That it has obtained all necessary licenses and permits required to perform this contract; and,

(3) That it shall comply fully with all laws, decrees, labor standards, and regulations of said country or countries during the performance of this contract.

(b) If the party actually performing the work will be a subcontractor or joint venture partner, then such subcontractor or joint venture partner agrees to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause.

## SECTION 3 - SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

FAR 52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors -- Commercial Items (JAN 2017), is incorporated by reference (see SF-1449, Block 27A)

### ADDENDUM TO 52.212-1

The Offeror shall include Defense Base Act (DBA) insurance premium costs covering their employees working on the contract to include American citizens, Individuals hired in the United States or its possessions, regardless of citizenship, Host Country Nationals (HCNs) and Third Country Nationals (TCNs) working overseas. The offeror shall obtain DBA insurance directly from any Department of Labor approved providers at the DOL website at <http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dlhwc/lscarrier.htm>

**Instructions to Offeror.** Each offer must consist of the following:

1. List of clients over the past **Five (5)** years, demonstrating prior experience with relevant past performance information and references (provide dates of contracts, places of performance, value of contracts, contact names, telephone and fax numbers and email addresses). If the offeror has not performed comparable services in **Malawi** then the offeror shall provide its international experience. Offerors are advised that the past performance information requested above may be discussed with the client's contact person. In addition, the client's contact person may be asked to comment on the offeror's:
  - Quality of services provided under the contract;
  - Compliance with contract terms and conditions;
  - Effectiveness of management;
  - Willingness to cooperate with and assist the customer in routine matters, and when confronted by unexpected difficulties; and
  - Business integrity / business conduct.

The Government will use past performance information primarily to assess an offeror's capability to meet the solicitation performance requirements, including the relevance and successful performance of the offeror's work experience. The Government may also use this data to evaluate the credibility of the offeror's proposal. In addition, the Contracting Officer may use past performance information in making a determination of responsibility.

2. Evidence that the offeror/quoter can provide the necessary personnel, equipment, and financial resources needed to perform the work;
3. The offeror shall address its plan to obtain all licenses and permits required by local law (see DOSAR 652.242-73 in Section 2). If offeror already possesses the locally required licenses and permits, a copy shall be provided.
4. The offeror's strategic plan for Internet Service to include but not limited to:

(a) A work plan taking into account all work elements in Section 1, Performance Work Statement.

(b) Identify types and quantities of equipment, supplies and materials required for performance of services under this contract. Identify if the offeror already possesses the listed items and their condition for suitability and if not already possessed or inadequate for use how and when the items will be obtained;

(c) Plan of ensuring quality of services including but not limited to contract administration and oversight; and

(d) (1) If insurance is required by the solicitation, a copy of the Certificate of Insurance(s), or  
(2) a statement that the Contractor will get the required insurance, and the name of the insurance provider to be used.

ADDENDUM TO SOLICITATION PROVISIONS  
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISIONS NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

<http://www.acquisition.gov/far/> or <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/vffara.htm>

These addresses are subject to change. If the FAR is not available at the locations indicated above, use of an internet “search engine” (for example, Google, Yahoo, Excite) is suggested to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR provisions.

The following Federal Acquisition Regulation solicitation provisions are incorporated by reference:

<u>PROVISION</u>	<u>TITLE AND DATE</u>
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52.204-7	SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (OCT 2016)
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52.204-16	Commercial and Government Entity Code Reporting (JULY 2016)
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52.214-34	SUBMISSION OF OFFERS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (APR 1991)
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52.237-1	SITE VISIT (APR 1984)
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The site visit will be held on **May 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 10:00** hour’s at CDC Office NICO House , Lilongwe Malawi. Prospective offerors/quoters should contact **Tanya Austin** through [lilongwegsoprocurement@state.gov](mailto:lilongwegsoprocurement@state.gov) for additional information or to arrange entry to the building. Names of representatives attending the site visit shall be provided by **16:00PM on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022**

The following DOSAR provision(s) is/are provided in full text:

652.206-70 ADVOCATE FOR COMPETITION/OMBUDSMAN (FEB 2015)

(a) The Department of State’s Advocate for Competition is responsible for assisting industry in removing restrictive requirements from Department of State solicitations and removing barriers to full and open competition and use of commercial items. If such a solicitation is considered competitively restrictive or does not appear properly conducive to competition and commercial



practices, potential offerors are encouraged first to contact the contracting office for the solicitation. If concerns remain unresolved, contact:

- (1) For solicitations issued by the Office of Acquisition Management (A/LM/AQM) or a Regional Procurement Support Office, the A/LM/AQM Advocate for Competition, at [AQMCompetitionAdvocate@state.gov](mailto:AQMCompetitionAdvocate@state.gov).
  - (2) For all others, the Department of State Advocate for Competition at [cat@state.gov](mailto:cat@state.gov).
- (b) The Department of State's Acquisition Ombudsman has been appointed to hear concerns from potential offerors and contractors during the pre-award and post-award phases of this acquisition. The role of the ombudsman is not to diminish the authority of the contracting officer, the Technical Evaluation Panel or Source Evaluation Board, or the selection official. The purpose of the ombudsman is to facilitate the communication of concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations of interested parties to the appropriate Government personnel, and work to resolve them. When requested and appropriate, the ombudsman will maintain strict confidentiality as to the source of the concern. The ombudsman does not participate in the evaluation of proposals, the source selection process, or the adjudication of formal contract disputes. Interested parties are invited to contact the contracting activity ombudsman, Mark Trahan, at +265 1 773 166.

For an American Embassy or overseas post, refer to the numbers below for the Department Acquisition Ombudsman. Concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations which cannot be resolved at a contracting activity level may be referred to the Department of State Acquisition Ombudsman at (703) 516-1696 or write to: Department of State, Acquisition Ombudsman, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 1060, SA-15, Washington, DC 20520.  
(End of provision)

#### Additional Instructions:

- A. Separate charges, in any form, are not solicited. For example, proposals containing any charges for failure of the Government to exercise any options will be rejected. The Government shall not be obligated to pay any charges other than the contract price, under Article 34 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, from the Special Access Surcharges or foreign taxes, including Value Added Taxes.
- B. Unless otherwise provided in this solicitation, the definitions for all telecommunications terms used herein are contained in Federal Standard 1037A (FED-STD-1037A), Glossary of Telecommunication Terms, dated June 26, 1986.
- C. The price offered shall include costs and profit as proposed by the offeror for performing all the requirements of the completed contract as set forth in this solicitation. The costs and profit

should take into consideration magnitude and realism (from both a technical and cost perspective).

D. If any services are to be offered at no cost to the Department of State, the bidder shall so indicate by entering either "No Charge" or "N/C" in the space provided in Section B for that item. Failure to enter either a price or one of the no charge notations, i.e., leaving the space blank, may render the bid non-responsive, additionally entering "Not Separately Priced" or "NSP" is not acceptable.

E. Each CLIN shall be separately priced. Failure to enter either a price or one of the no charge notations, i.e., leaving the space blank, may render the quotation unacceptable, additionally entering "Not Separately Priced" or "NSP" is not acceptable.

F. Acceptance of Quotations. The Government reserves the right to reject, as unacceptable, quotations deleting or altering technical requirements which are considered by the Government to be beyond the state of the art or impossible of attainment.

## SECTION 4 - EVALUATION FACTORS

Award will be made to the lowest priced, acceptable, responsible offeror. Proposals shall include a completed solicitation. The Government reserves the right to reject proposals that are unreasonably low or high in price.

The lowest price will be determined by multiplying the offered prices times the estimated quantities in "Prices - Continuation of SF-1449, block 23", and arriving at a grand total, including all options. Acceptability will be determined by assessing the offeror's compliance with the terms of the RFP. Responsibility will be determined by analyzing whether the apparent successful offeror complies with the requirements of FAR 9.1, including:

- Adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain them;
- Ability to comply with the required performance period, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments;
- Satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- Necessary organization, experience, and skills or the ability to obtain them;
- Necessary equipment and facilities or the ability to obtain them; and
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations
- Compliance to NDAA section 889 under Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) for provision 52.204-24 and 52.204-26 and contract clause 52.204-25

ADDENDUM TO EVALUATION FACTORS  
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISION(S) NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

The following FAR provisions are provided in full text:

52.217-5 EVALUATION OF OPTIONS (JUL 1990)

The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. Evaluation of options will not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

## SECTION 5 - OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

### 52.212-3 Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items (JAN 2017) (DEVIATION 2017-01)

The Offeror shall complete only paragraph (b) of this provision if the Offeror has completed the annual representations and certification electronically via the System for Award Management (SAM) Web site located at <https://www.sam.gov/portal>. If the Offeror has not completed the annual representations and certifications electronically, the Offeror shall complete only paragraphs (c) through (u) of this provision.

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision—

*Economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) concern* means a small business concern that is at least 51 percent directly and unconditionally owned by, and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by, one or more women who are citizens of the United States and who are economically disadvantaged in accordance with 13 CFR part 127. It automatically qualifies as a women-owned small business eligible under the WOSB Program.

*Forced or indentured child labor* means all work or service—

(1) Exacted from any person under the age of 18 under the menace of any penalty for its nonperformance and for which the worker does not offer himself voluntarily; or

(2) Performed by any person under the age of 18 pursuant to a contract the enforcement of which can be accomplished by process or penalties.

*Highest-level owner* means the entity that owns or controls an immediate owner of the offeror, or that owns or controls one or more entities that control an immediate owner of the offeror. No entity owns or exercises control of the highest level owner.

*Immediate owner* means an entity, other than the offeror, that has direct control of the offeror.

Indicators of control include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: Ownership or interlocking management, identity of interests among family members, shared facilities and equipment, and the common use of employees.

*Inverted domestic corporation* means a foreign incorporated entity that meets the definition of an inverted domestic corporation under 6 U.S.C. 395(b), applied in accordance with the rules and definitions of 6 U.S.C. 395(c).

*Manufactured end product* means any end product in product and service codes (PSCs) 1000-9999, except—

- (1) PSC 5510, Lumber and Related Basic Wood Materials;
- (2) Product or Service Group (PSG) 87, Agricultural Supplies;
- (3) PSG 88, Live Animals;
- (4) PSG 89, Subsistence;
- (5) PSC 9410, Crude Grades of Plant Materials;
- (6) PSC 9430, Miscellaneous Crude Animal Products, Inedible;
- (7) PSC 9440, Miscellaneous Crude Agricultural and Forestry Products;
- (8) PSC 9610, Ores;
- (9) PSC 9620, Minerals, Natural and Synthetic; and
- (10) PSC 9630, Additive Metal Materials.

*Place of manufacture* means the place where an end product is assembled out of components, or otherwise made or processed from raw materials into the finished product that is to be provided

to the Government. If a product is disassembled and reassembled, the place of reassembly is not the place of manufacture.

*Predecessor* means an entity that is replaced by a successor and includes any predecessors of the predecessor.

*Restricted business operations* means business operations in Sudan that include power production activities, mineral extraction activities, oil-related activities, or the production of military equipment, as those terms are defined in the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-174). Restricted business operations do not include business operations that the person (as that term is defined in Section 2 of the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007) conducting the business can demonstrate—

- (1) Are conducted under contract directly and exclusively with the regional government of southern Sudan;
- (2) Are conducted pursuant to specific authorization from the Office of Foreign Assets Control in the Department of the Treasury, or are expressly exempted under Federal law from the requirement to be conducted under such authorization;
- (3) Consist of providing goods or services to marginalized populations of Sudan;
- (4) Consist of providing goods or services to an internationally recognized peacekeeping force or humanitarian organization;
- (5) Consist of providing goods or services that are used only to promote health or education; or
- (6) Have been voluntarily suspended.

*Sensitive technology*—

- (1) Means hardware, software, telecommunications equipment, or any other technology that is to be used specifically—
  - (i) To restrict the free flow of unbiased information in Iran; or
  - (ii) To disrupt, monitor, or otherwise restrict speech of the people of Iran; and
- (2) Does not include information or informational materials the export of which the President does not have the authority to regulate or prohibit pursuant to section 203(b)(3) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(3)).

*Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern*—

- (1) Means a small business concern—
  - (i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and
  - (ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a service-disabled veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran.
- (2) *Service-disabled veteran* means a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

*Small business concern* means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR Part 121 and size standards in this solicitation.

*Small disadvantaged business concern*, consistent with 13 CFR 124.1002, means a small business concern under the size standard applicable to the acquisition, that—

- (1) Is at least 51 percent unconditionally and directly owned (as defined at 13 CFR 124.105) by—

(i) One or more socially disadvantaged (as defined at 13 CFR 124.103) and economically disadvantaged (as defined at 13 CFR 124.104) individuals who are citizens of the United States; and

(ii) Each individual claiming economic disadvantage has a net worth not exceeding \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); and

(2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled (as defined at 13.CFR 124.106) by individuals, who meet the criteria in paragraphs (1)(i) and (ii) of this definition.

*Subsidiary* means an entity in which more than 50 percent of the entity is owned—

(1) Directly by a parent corporation; or

(2) Through another subsidiary of a parent corporation.

*Successor* means an entity that has replaced a predecessor by acquiring the assets and carrying out the affairs of the predecessor under a new name (often through acquisition or merger). The term “successor” does not include new offices/divisions of the same company or a company that only changes its name. The extent of the responsibility of the successor for the liabilities of the predecessor may vary, depending on State law and specific circumstances.

*Veteran-owned small business concern* means a small business concern—

(1) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more veterans (as defined at 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and

(2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans.

*Women-owned business concern* means a concern which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its stock is owned by one or more women; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

*Women-owned small business concern* means a small business concern—

(1) That is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and

(2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

*Women-owned small business (WOSB) concern eligible under the WOSB Program* (in accordance with 13 CFR part 127), means a small business concern that is at least 51 percent directly and unconditionally owned by, and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by, one or more women who are citizens of the United States.

(b)(1) *Annual Representations and Certifications*. Any changes provided by the offeror in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision do not automatically change the representations and certifications posted on the SAM website.

(2) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the SAM website accessed through <http://www.acquisition.gov>. After reviewing the SAM database information, the offeror verifies by submission of this offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically at FAR 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items, have been entered or updated in the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201), except for paragraphs

\_\_\_\_\_.

*[Offeror to identify the applicable paragraphs at (c) through (u) of this provision that the offeror has completed for the purposes of this solicitation only, if any.*

*These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.*

*Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted electronically on SAM.]*

(c) Offerors must complete the following representations when the resulting contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas. Check all that apply.

(1) *Small business concern.* The offeror represents as part of its offer that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a small business concern.

(2) *Veteran-owned small business concern.* *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.]* The offeror represents as part of its offer that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a veteran-owned small business concern.

(3) *Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.* *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a veteran-owned small business concern in paragraph (c)(2) of this provision.]* The offeror represents as part of its offer that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.

(4) *Small disadvantaged business concern.* *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.]* The offeror represents that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002.

(5) *Women-owned small business concern.* *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.]* The offeror represents that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a women-owned small business concern.

(6) *WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program.* *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a women-owned small business concern in paragraph (c)(5) of this provision.]* The offeror represents that—

(i) It ☐ is, ☐ is not a WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program, has provided all the required documents to the WOSB Repository, and no change in circumstances or adverse decisions have been issued that affects its eligibility; and

(ii) It ☐ is, ☐ is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR part 127, and the representation in paragraph (c)(6)(i) of this provision is accurate for each WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program participating in the joint venture. *[The offeror shall enter the name or names of the WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program and other small businesses that are participating in the joint venture: \_\_\_\_\_.]* Each WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the WOSB representation.

(7) *Economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) concern.* *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program in (c)(6) of this provision.]* The offeror represents that—

(i) It ☐ is, ☐ is not an EDWOSB concern, has provided all the required documents to the WOSB Repository, and no change in circumstances or adverse decisions have been issued that affects its eligibility; and

(ii) It ☐ is, ☐ is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR part 127, and the representation in paragraph (c)(7)(i) of this provision is accurate for each EDWOSB concern participating in the joint venture. *[The offeror shall enter the name or names of the EDWOSB concern and other small businesses that are participating in the joint venture: \_\_\_\_\_.]* Each



EDWOSB concern participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the EDWOSB representation.

Note to paragraphs (c)(8) and (9): Complete paragraphs (c)(8) and (9) only if this solicitation is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(8) *Women-owned business concern (other than small business concern).* [Complete only if the offeror is a women-owned business concern and did not represent itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents that it ☐ is, a women-owned business concern.

(9) *Tie bid priority for labor surplus area concerns.* If this is an invitation for bid, small business offerors may identify the labor surplus areas in which costs to be incurred on account of manufacturing or production (by offeror or first-tier subcontractors) amount to more than 50 percent of the contract price:

(10) *HUBZone small business concern.* [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that—

(i) It ☐ is, ☐ is not a HUBZone small business concern listed, on the date of this representation, on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration, and no material changes in ownership and control, principal office, or HUBZone employee percentage have occurred since it was certified in accordance with 13 CFR Part 126; and

(ii) It ☐ is, ☐ is not a HUBZone joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR Part 126, and the representation in paragraph (c)(10)(i) of this provision is accurate for each HUBZone small business concern participating in the HUBZone joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the names of each of the HUBZone small business concerns participating in the HUBZone joint venture: \_\_\_\_.] Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the HUBZone joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the HUBZone representation.

(d) Representations required to implement provisions of Executive Order 11246—

(1) Previous contracts and compliance. The offeror represents that—

(i) It ☐ has, ☐ has not participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation; and

(ii) It ☐ has, ☐ has not filed all required compliance reports.

(2) Affirmative Action Compliance. The offeror represents that—

(i) It ☐ has developed and has on file, ☐ has not developed and does not have on file, at each establishment, affirmative action programs required by rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR parts 60-1 and 60-2), or

(ii) It ☐ has not previously had contracts subject to the written affirmative action programs requirement of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) *Certification Regarding Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (31 U.S.C.*

1352). (Applies only if the contract is expected to exceed \$150,000.) By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the award of any resultant contract. If any registrants under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 have made a lobbying contact on behalf of the offeror with respect to this contract, the offeror shall complete and submit, with its offer, OMB Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, to

provide the name of the registrants. The offeror need not report regularly employed officers or employees of the offeror to whom payments of reasonable compensation were made.

(f) *Buy American Certificate*. (Applies only if the clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.225-1, Buy American—Supplies, is included in this solicitation.)

(1) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (f)(2) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that for other than COTS items, the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The offeror shall list as foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products, *i.e.*, an end product that is not a COTS item and does not meet the component test in paragraph (2) of the definition of “domestic end product.” The terms “commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item,” “component,” “domestic end product,” “end product,” “foreign end product,” and “United States” are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American—Supplies.”

(2) Foreign End Products:

Line Item No.:

Country of Origin:

(List as necessary)

(3) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.

(g)(1) *Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate*. (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-3, Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act, is included in this solicitation.)

(i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) or (g)(1)(iii) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that for other than COTS items, the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The terms “Bahrainian, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian end product,” “commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item,” “component,” “domestic end product,” “end product,” “foreign end product,” “Free Trade Agreement country,” “Free Trade Agreement country end product,” “Israeli end product,” and “United States” are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act.”

(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Free Trade Agreement country end products (other than Bahrainian, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian end products) or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act”

Free Trade Agreement Country End Products (Other than Bahrainian, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian End Products) or Israeli End Products:

Line Item No.		Country of Origin
[List as necessary]		

(iii) The offeror shall list those supplies that are foreign end products (other than those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this provision) as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy

American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act.” The offeror shall list as other foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products, *i.e.*, an end product that is not a COTS item and does not meet the component test in paragraph (2) of the definition of “domestic end product.”

*Other Foreign End Products*

Line Item No.:

Country of Origin:

(List as necessary)

(iv) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.

(2) *Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate*

*I. If Alternate I* to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act”:

Canadian End Products:

Line Item No.

\$(*List as necessary*)

(3) *Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate*

*II. If Alternate II* to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act”:

Canadian or Israeli End Products:

Line Item No.

Country of Origin

\$(*List as necessary*)

(g)(4) *Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate III.* If Alternate III to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Free Trade Agreement country end products (other than Bahrainian, Korean, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian end products) or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act”:

Free Trade Agreement Country End Products (Other than Bahrainian, Korean, Moroccan, Omani, Panamanian, or Peruvian End Products) or Israeli End Products:

Line Item No.		Country of Origin
[List as necessary]		

(5) *Trade Agreements Certificate*. (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-5, Trade Agreements, is included in this solicitation.)

(i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(5)(ii) of this provision, is a U.S.-made or designated country end product, as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Trade Agreements".

(ii) The offeror shall list as other end products those end products that are not U.S.-made or designated country end products.

Other End Products:

Line item No.		Country of origin
[List as necessary]		

(iii) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25. For line items covered by the WTO GPA, the Government will evaluate offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products without regard to the restrictions of the Buy American statute. The Government will consider for award only offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products unless the Contracting Officer determines that there are no offers for such products or that the offers for such products are insufficient to fulfill the requirements of the solicitation.

(h) *Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters (Executive Order 12689)*. (Applies only if the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.) The offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror and/or any of its principals—

(1) ☐ Are, ☐ are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;

(2) ☐ Have, ☐ have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: Commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or Commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property,

(3) ☐ Are, ☐ are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses enumerated in paragraph (h)(2) of this clause; and

(4) Have, ☐ have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,500 for which the liability remains unsatisfied.

(i) Taxes are considered delinquent if both of the following criteria apply:

(A) *The tax liability is finally determined.* The liability is finally determined if it has been assessed. A liability is not finally determined if there is a pending administrative or judicial challenge. In the case of a judicial challenge to the liability, the liability is not finally determined until all judicial appeal rights have been exhausted.

(B) *The taxpayer is delinquent in making payment.* A taxpayer is delinquent if the taxpayer has failed to pay the tax liability when full payment was due and required. A taxpayer is not delinquent in cases where enforced collection action is precluded.

(ii) *Examples.* (A) The taxpayer has received a statutory notice of deficiency, under I.R.C. §6212, which entitles the taxpayer to seek Tax Court review of a proposed tax deficiency. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek Tax Court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

(B) The IRS has filed a notice of Federal tax lien with respect to an assessed tax liability, and the taxpayer has been issued a notice under I.R.C. §6320 entitling the taxpayer to request a hearing with the IRS Office of Appeals contesting the lien filing, and to further appeal to the Tax Court if the IRS determines to sustain the lien filing. In the course of the hearing, the taxpayer is entitled to contest the underlying tax liability because the taxpayer has had no prior opportunity to contest the liability. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek tax court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

(C) The taxpayer has entered into an installment agreement pursuant to I.R.C. §6159. The taxpayer is making timely payments and is in full compliance with the agreement terms. The taxpayer is not delinquent because the taxpayer is not currently required to make full payment.

(D) The taxpayer has filed for bankruptcy protection. The taxpayer is not delinquent because enforced collection action is stayed under 11 U.S.C. 362 (the Bankruptcy Code).

(i) *Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products (Executive Order 13126).* [The Contracting Officer must list in paragraph (i)(1) any end products being acquired under this solicitation that are included in the List of Products Requiring Contractor Certification as to Forced or Indentured Child Labor, unless excluded at 22.1503(b).]

(1) *Listed end products.*

Listed End Product

Listed Countries of Origin

(2) *Certification.* [If the Contracting Officer has identified end products and countries of origin in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision, then the offeror must certify to either (i)(2)(i) or (i)(2)(ii) by checking the appropriate block.]

☐ (i) The offeror will not supply any end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product.

☐ (ii) The offeror may supply an end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product. The offeror certifies that it has made a good faith effort to determine whether forced or indentured child labor was used to mine, produce, or manufacture any such end product furnished under this contract. On the basis of those efforts, the offeror certifies that it is not aware of any such use of child labor.

(j) *Place of manufacture.* (Does not apply unless the solicitation is predominantly for the acquisition of manufactured end products.) For statistical purposes only, the offeror shall indicate whether the place of manufacture of the end products it expects to provide in response to this solicitation is predominantly—

(1) ☐ In the United States (Check this box if the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured in the United States exceeds the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured outside the United States); or

(2) ☐ Outside the United States.

(k) *Certificates regarding exemptions from the application of the Service Contract Labor Standards.* (Certification by the offeror as to its compliance with respect to the contract also constitutes its certification as to compliance by its subcontractor if it subcontracts out the exempt services.) [The contracting officer is to check a box to indicate if paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) applies.]

(1) ☐ Maintenance, calibration, or repair of certain equipment as described in FAR 22.1003-4(c)(1). The offeror ☐ does ☐ does not certify that—

(i) The items of equipment to be serviced under this contract are used regularly for other than Governmental purposes and are sold or traded by the offeror (or subcontractor in the case of an exempt subcontract) in substantial quantities to the general public in the course of normal business operations;

(ii) The services will be furnished at prices which are, or are based on, established catalog or market prices (see FAR 22.1003-4(c)(2)(ii)) for the maintenance, calibration, or repair of such equipment; and

(iii) The compensation (wage and fringe benefits) plan for all service employees performing work under the contract will be the same as that used for these employees and equivalent employees servicing the same equipment of commercial customers.

(2) ☐ Certain services as described in FAR 22.1003-4(d)(1). The offeror ☐ does ☐ does not certify that—

(i) The services under the contract are offered and sold regularly to non-Governmental customers, and are provided by the offeror (or subcontractor in the case of an exempt subcontract) to the general public in substantial quantities in the course of normal business operations;

(ii) The contract services will be furnished at prices that are, or are based on, established catalog or market prices (see FAR 22.1003-4(d)(2)(iii));

(iii) Each service employee who will perform the services under the contract will spend only a small portion of his or her time (a monthly average of less than 20 percent of the available hours on an annualized basis, or less than 20 percent of available hours during the contract period if the contract period is less than a month) servicing the Government contract; and

(iv) The compensation (wage and fringe benefits) plan for all service employees performing work under the contract is the same as that used for these employees and equivalent employees servicing commercial customers.

(3) If paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) of this clause applies—

(i) If the offeror does not certify to the conditions in paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) and the Contracting Officer did not attach a Service Contract Labor Standards wage determination to the solicitation, the offeror shall notify the Contracting Officer as soon as possible; and

(ii) The Contracting Officer may not make an award to the offeror if the offeror fails to execute the certification in paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) of this clause or to contact the Contracting Officer as required in paragraph (k)(3)(i) of this clause.

(1) *Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)* (26 U.S.C. 6109, 31 U.S.C. 7701). (Not applicable if the offeror is required to provide this information to the SAM database to be eligible for award.)

(1) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (l)(3) through (l)(5) of this provision to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325(d), reporting requirements of 26 U.S.C. 6041, 6041A, and 6050M, and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

(2) The TIN may be used by the Government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror's relationship with the Government (31 U.S.C. 7701(c)(3)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror's TIN.

(3) *Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)*.

☐ TIN: \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ TIN has been applied for.

☐ TIN is not required because:

☐ Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States;

☐ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

☐ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

(4) *Type of organization*.

☐ Sole proprietorship;

☐ Partnership;

☐ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);

☐ Corporate entity (tax-exempt);

☐ Government entity (Federal, State, or local);

☐ Foreign government;

☐ International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

(5) *Common parent*.

☐ Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent;

☐ Name and TIN of common parent:

Name \_\_\_\_\_.

TIN \_\_\_\_\_.

(m) *Restricted business operations in Sudan*. By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies that the offeror does not conduct any restricted business operations in Sudan.

(n) *Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations*. (1) Government agencies are not permitted to use appropriated (or otherwise made available) funds for contracts with either an inverted domestic corporation, or a subsidiary of an inverted domestic corporation,

unless the exception at 9.108-2(b) applies or the requirement is waived in accordance with the procedures at 9.108-4.

(2) *Representation.* The Offeror represents that—

(i) It ☐ is, ☐ is not an inverted domestic corporation; and

(ii) It ☐ is, ☐ is not a subsidiary of an inverted domestic corporation.

(o) *Prohibition on contracting with entities engaging in certain activities or transactions relating to Iran.* (1) The offeror shall email questions concerning sensitive technology to the Department of State at [CISADA106@state.gov](mailto:CISADA106@state.gov).

(2) *Representation and certifications.* Unless a waiver is granted or an exception applies as provided in paragraph (o)(3) of this provision, by submission of its offer, the offeror—

(i) Represents, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror does not export any sensitive technology to the government of Iran or any entities or individuals owned or controlled by, or acting on behalf or at the direction of, the government of Iran;

(ii) Certifies that the offeror, or any person owned or controlled by the offeror, does not engage in any activities for which sanctions may be imposed under section 5 of the Iran Sanctions Act; and

(iii) Certifies that the offeror, and any person owned or controlled by the offeror, does not knowingly engage in any transaction that exceeds \$3,500 with Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps or any of its officials, agents, or affiliates, the property and interests in property of which are blocked pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (see OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List at <http://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/t11sdn.pdf>).

(3) The representation and certification requirements of paragraph (o)(2) of this provision do not apply if—

(i) This solicitation includes a trade agreements certification (*e.g.*, 52.212-3(g) or a comparable agency provision); and

(ii) The offeror has certified that all the offered products to be supplied are designated country end products.

(p) *Ownership or Control of Offeror.* (Applies in all solicitations when there is a requirement to be registered in SAM or a requirement to have a unique entity identifier in the solicitation).

(1) The Offeror represents that it ☐ has or ☐ does not have an immediate owner. If the Offeror has more than one immediate owner (such as a joint venture), then the Offeror shall respond to paragraph (2) and if applicable, paragraph (3) of this provision for each participant in the joint venture.

(2) If the Offeror indicates “has” in paragraph (p)(1) of this provision, enter the following information:

Immediate owner CAGE code: \_\_\_\_\_.

Immediate owner legal name: \_\_\_\_\_.

(Do not use a “doing business as” name)

Is the immediate owner owned or controlled by another entity: ☐ Yes or ☐ No.

(3) If the Offeror indicates “yes” in paragraph (p)(2) of this provision, indicating that the immediate owner is owned or controlled by another entity, then enter the following information:

Highest-level owner CAGE code: \_\_\_\_\_.

Highest-level owner legal name: \_\_\_\_\_.

(Do not use a “doing business as” name)



(q) *Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law.* (1) As required by sections 744 and 745 of Division E of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235), and similar provisions, if contained in subsequent appropriations acts, The Government will not enter into a contract with any corporation that—

(i) Has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, where the awarding agency is aware of the unpaid tax liability, unless an agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government; or

(ii) Was convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months, where the awarding agency is aware of the conviction, unless an agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that this action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

(2) The Offeror represents that—

(i) It is ☐ is not ☐ a corporation that has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and

(ii) It is ☐ is not ☐ a corporation that was convicted of a felony criminal violation under a Federal law within the preceding 24 months.

(r) *Predecessor of Offeror.* (Applies in all solicitations that include the provision at 52.204-16, Commercial and Government Entity Code Reporting.)

(1) The Offeror represents that it ☐ is or ☐ is not a successor to a predecessor that held a Federal contract or grant within the last three years.

(2) If the Offeror has indicated “is” in paragraph (r)(1) of this provision, enter the following information for all predecessors that held a Federal contract or grant within the last three years (if more than one predecessor, list in reverse chronological order):

Predecessor CAGE code: \_\_\_\_ (or mark “Unknown”).

Predecessor legal name: \_\_\_\_.

(Do not use a “doing business as” name).

(s) RESERVED

(t) *Public Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reduction Goals.* Applies in all solicitations that require offerors to register in SAM (52.212-1(k)).

(1) This representation shall be completed if the Offeror received \$7.5 million or more in contract awards in the prior Federal fiscal year. The representation is optional if the Offeror received less than \$7.5 million in Federal contract awards in the prior Federal fiscal year.

(2) *Representation.* [Offeror to check applicable block(s) in paragraph (t)(2)(i) and (ii)]. (i) The Offeror (itself or through its immediate owner or highest-level owner) ☐ does, ☐ does not publicly disclose greenhouse gas emissions, *i.e.*, makes available on a publicly accessible Web site the results of a greenhouse gas inventory, performed in accordance with an accounting standard with publicly available and consistently applied criteria, such as the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Standard.

(ii) The Offeror (itself or through its immediate owner or highest-level owner) ☐ does, ☐ does not publicly disclose a quantitative greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal, *i.e.*, make available

on a publicly accessible Web site a target to reduce absolute emissions or emissions intensity by a specific quantity or percentage.

(iii) A publicly accessible Web site includes the Offeror's own Web site or a recognized, third-party greenhouse gas emissions reporting program.

(3) If the Offeror checked "does" in paragraphs (t)(2)(i) or (t)(2)(ii) of this provision, respectively, the Offeror shall provide the publicly accessible Web site(s) where greenhouse gas emissions and/or reduction goals are reported.

(u)(1) In accordance with section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions), Government agencies are not permitted to use appropriated (or otherwise made available) funds for contracts with an entity that requires employees or subcontractors of such entity seeking to report waste, fraud, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

(2) The prohibition in paragraph (u)(1) of this provision does not contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312 (Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement), Form 4414 (Sensitive Compartmented Information Nondisclosure Agreement), or any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

(3) *Representation.* By submission of its offer, the Offeror represents that it will not require its employees or subcontractors to sign or comply with internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from lawfully reporting waste, fraud, or abuse related to the performance of a Government contract to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information (*e.g.*, agency Office of the Inspector General).

(End of provision)

#### ADDENDUM TO OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS FAR AND DOSAR PROVISION(S) NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

The following DOSAR provision(s) is/are provided in full text:

652.225-70 ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL (AUG 1999)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

Foreign person means any person other than a United States person as defined below.

United States person means any United States resident or national (other than an individual resident outside the United States and employed by other than a United States person), any domestic concern (including any permanent domestic establishment of any foreign concern),

and any foreign subsidiary or affiliate (including any permanent foreign establishment) of any domestic concern which is controlled in fact by such domestic concern, as provided under the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended.

(b) Certification. By submitting this offer, the offeror certifies that it is not:

(1) Taking or knowingly agreeing to take any action, with respect to the boycott of Israel by Arab League countries, which Section 8(a) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 2407(a)) prohibits a United States person from taking; or,

(2) Discriminating in the award of subcontracts on the basis of religion.

(End of provision)

The following DOSAR is provided in full text:

**652.209-79 REPRESENTATION BY CORPORATION REGARDING AN UNPAID DELINQUENT TAX LIABILITY OR A FELONY CRIMINAL CONVICTION UNDER ANY FEDERAL LAW (SEPT 2014) (DEVIATION per PIB 2014-21)**

(a) In accordance with section 7073 of Division K of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (Public Law 113-76) none of the funds made available by that Act may be used to enter into a contract with any corporation that –

(1) Was convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months, where the awarding agency has direct knowledge of the conviction, unless the agency has considered, in accordance with its procedures, that this further action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government; or

(2) Has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, where the awarding agency has direct knowledge of the unpaid tax liability, unless the Federal agency has considered, in accordance with its procedures, that this further action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

For the purposes of section 7073, it is the Department of State's policy that no award may be made to any corporation covered by (1) or (2) above, unless the Procurement Executive has made a written determination that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

(b) Offeror represents that—

(1) It is [ ] is not [ ] a corporation that was convicted of a felony criminal violation under a Federal law within the preceding 24 months.

(2) It is [ ] is not [ ] a corporation that has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability.

(End of provision)